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‘Muslim hate’ on the rise

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The National Council of Canadian Muslims has received 20 reports of Islamophobic incidents so far in 2017. Over the same period last year, the number was 10.

Spike attributed to more reporting, Trump’s rhetoric

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

From a man shouting at Muslims on an OC Transpo bus, to a deliberate fire at a Toronto mosque, to the shooting death of six men at evening prayers in Quebec City, the National Council of Canadian Muslims is tracking a worrying upward trend in hate incidents.

The council, which has been tracking Islamophobic incidents across the country for five years, has recorded 20 incidents in 2017 so far, up considerably from the same time frame a year ago. “Last year around this time we had 10 incidents of Muslim hate,” said Sehrish Amjad, a human rights officer with the NCCM.

In total, the NCCM recorded 65 incidents in 2016 up from 59 in 2015. In all of 2014, they recorded 23 incidents and in 2013 they recorded just 12.

Amjad said some of the rise could be due to more reporting, but they believe U.S. President Donald Trump’s divisive rhetoric is also fuelling the increase.

“It’s hard to say for sure, definitely it may be the case that people are reporting more, but we know hate crimes are still one of the most underreported types of crimes.”

Amjad said six incidents were reported during the week of debate on M-103, a House of Commons motion looking to condemn Islamophobia.

“It has received a lot of opposition inside and outside of the House of Commons, so there are a lot of misconceptions associated with it,” she said.

Amjad said the people who called the motion a step toward Sharia law were fuelling hate.

“They’re creating fears in people and those fears are being translated into discrimination and hateful acts.”

She said the incidents the NCCM tracks are reported to them, but are also confirmed with police or through media reports. “It shows that Islamophobia is an issue in our society.”

“It needs to be condemned and it needs to be studied.

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New red-light cameras green-lit

TRAFFIC

Data-driven approach led city to decide on 20 intersections

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The city let data drive its decision-making in the placing of 20 new red-light cameras that will be put up across the city this year.

The new locations were announced on Monday, bringing the total number of cameras in the city to 54.

Krista Tanaka, program manger of road safety and traffic investigations, said they looked for places where there had been five or more angle collisions in the intersection.

"We looked at all of those locations that had already been identified and noticed many had a significant pattern," she said.

That led to the list of 20 intersections, but Tanaka said they also looked closer at each one.

The city's experience is that rear-end collisions can rise in spots where the cameras go up.

"Sometimes rear-end collisions go up as people are slamming on their brakes so they don't get a ticket," said Tanaka.

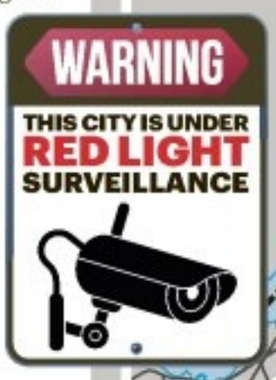
She said to stop that issue any intersection where rear-end collisions were already a problem was pulled from the list.

"We wouldn't want to introduce a camera at a location that already had a high rear-end collision issue."

Tanaka said cyclists are counted in the vehicle tallies, so any intersections where cyclists and cars collide at right angles would have been captured in their search.

She said while pedestrians would not have been captured in the same hunt, they also don't see many pedestrian collisions where red-light running is the major factor.

The new cameras will go up in the months ahead. The fine for running a red light is $260 with a $5 processing fee and an additional $60 surcharge.



MAPPED | New red-light camera locations

1. Cedarview Rd. at Fallowfield Rd.
2. Coldrey Ave. at Kirkwood Ave.
3. Hog's Back Rd. at Prince of Wales Dr.
4. Walkley Rd. at Glenhaven Private
5. Bank St. at Riverside Dr. South
6. Bronson Ave. at Powell Ave.
7. Gladstone Ave. at Rochester St.
8. Catherine St. at Kent St.
9. Arlington Ave. at Kent St.
10. Bay St. at Slater St.
11. Lyon St. at Slater St.
12. Elgin St. at Slater St.
13. Murray St. at Sussex Dr.
14. Heron Rd. at 155m west of Bank St.
15. Hawthorne Rd. at Leitrim Rd.
16. Aviation Pky at Montreal Rd.
17. Innes Rd. at Orleans Blvd.
18. Tenth Line Rd. at Vanguard Dr.
19. St. Joseph Blvd. at Tenth Line Rd.
20. Old Tenth Line Rd. at St. Joseph Blvd.

CRASH

Police report injuries, chemical spill in Highway 401 pile-up

A crash involving at least 30 vehicles on Highway 401 southwest of Ottawa east caused a chemical spill on Tuesday, prompting police to evacuate the area.

Police say no one was reported killed in the crash that happened in poor weather at about 2 p.m. near Lansdowne, Ont. People in need of medical attention were sent to hospitals in Kingston and Brockville.

Ontario Provincial Police Const. Sandra Barr says the pile-up on the 401 east of Kingston, Ont., involved cars and about a dozen transport trucks.

Barr says one of the transport trucks was leaking a toxic substance, but she could not confirm what the substance was.

Barr says five firefighters, three police officers and 17 civilians were taken to nearby hospitals to begin the decontamination process.

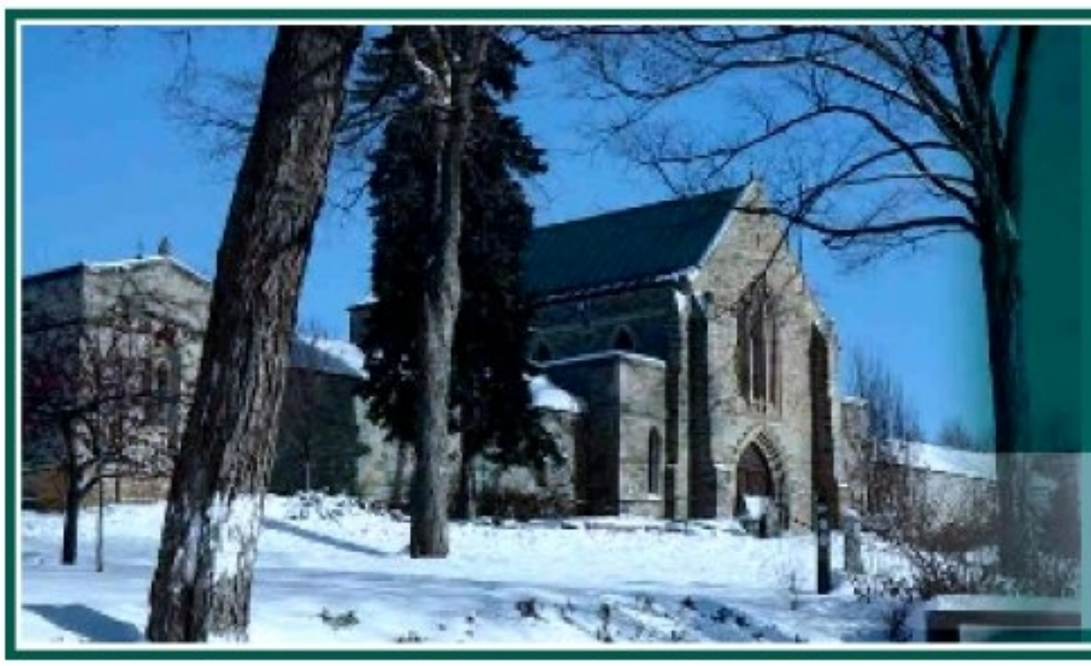
She says one person was injured and taken to hospital by ambulance, but she did not know the extent of the injuries.

Kingston General Hospital says it was told to expect about 10 people, including one person in critical condition, but gave no more details.

Residences around the highway did not have to be evacuated, Barr says, adding that the evacuation was only applied to the highway and the people involved in the crash.

The crash occurred in the eastbound lanes, but the highway was closed in both directions around the collision site. Barr says it could be hours before the highway reopens.

She says a cattle truck involved on the pile-up is also still on scene as crews wait for another truck to transport the animals. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Ontario judges won't have to take sex assault courses

LEGISLATURE

Training not mandatory in province despite federal bill

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Ottawa

Despite a high-profile federal bill that would require would-be judges to take a sexual assault course, Ontario has no plans to follow suit.

The federal bill, which interim federal Conservative leader Rona Ambrose introduced last month, was referred to committee last week. It has widespread support in the House of Commons.

Ambrose's bill covers superior court judges, who are appointed by the federal government and hear many sexual assault cases. But judges appointed by provincial governments also preside over sexual assault cases.

The first Jian Ghomeshi trial, for example, which ended in a controversial acquittal, was heard and decided by a provincial judge in Toronto. And another provincial appointee, Halifax Judge Gregory Lenehan, drew public ire across Canada by saying a "drunk can consent" in acquitting a taxi driver accused of sexual assault.

Clare Graham, a spokesperson for the Ontario Attorney General's office, said in an email that the province doesn't plan to make sexual assault training mandatory for its judicial appointees.

"The independence of the judiciary is one of the key principles of Canada's justice system," she said in an email. "In Ontario, judges function separately and independently of the government."

Graham said the government does believe there is work to be done in the justice system to improve outcomes for sexual assault victims.

"We recognize that although we've made significant strides, more needs to be done to make the criminal justice system more accessible and responsive to survivors of sexual assault," she said.

She pointed to a new advisory group of Crown prosecutors who are working with other Crowns and police to improve sexual assault prosecutions.

"The advisory group provided training to 600 Crowns at the Ministry of the Attorney General/Ontario Crown Attorneys Association Spring Conference 2016 on conducting sexual violence prosecutions," said Graham.

Jill Arthur, communications officer for the Ontario Court of Justice, said provincial court judges are given lots of opportunity to take courses and seminars on a wide range of legal issues, including sexual assault.

"Timely and effective judicial education is a key responsibility of the Ontario Court of Justice," she said in an email.

She said that while courses about sexual assault have been widely available for three decades, the court administration doesn't track whether judges have taken them.

> **In Ontario, judges function separately and independently of the government.**
> Clare Graham

Ontario does not plan to follow the bill introduced by interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose (above). THE CANADIAN PRESS

DETAILS

- In Ontario, criminal cases, including sexual assaults, are heard in both the Ontario Court of Justice, whose judges are appointed by the province, and the Superior Court of Justice, whose judges are appointed by the federal government.
- In general, the most serious criminal cases go to Superior Court.

COMMUNITY

Market high on election agenda

Community advocates want the candidates in the upcoming Ottawa-Vanier byelection to commit to helping refresh the Byward Market.

The Lowertown Community Association, Action Sandy Hill and Ecology Ottawa has invited all candidates in the April 3 vote to a walkabout in the market Wednesday afternoon.

Liz Bernstein, president of LCA, said they want to hear from the candidates about their commitment because the market needs their support.

"People will get a taste or flavour of what more could be happening," she said. "It's really an appeal from citizens that we invest in something more long-term."

The city is currently doing a $1-million facelift of the George Street Plaza, but Bernstein wants to hear that federal MPs would be committed to a larger unique overhaul that would include streetscape work throughout the market, with wider sidewalks and benches.

Former Vanier MP Mauril Bélanger died last August and Bernstein said since then they have brought other Ottawa MPs to the area, but they need a representative of their own.

"Without having constituents to encourage them to take up more of the baton, to champion it has been challenging," she said. "This is a huge opportunity, as a new MP will be selected, to let them know this an important project for citizens in Lowertown."

Berstein said the additional projects the community association hope for in the short term are estimated to cost about $9 million, and a federal contribution to that would be important.

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Elmi and Sharmarke met while walking to Emerson, Man. and are now staying at the Winnipeg Salvation Army as they await their refugee board hearings. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/FOR METRO

The small comforts of home

ASYLUM SEEKERS

Somali men share their journey amid game of Ladu

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

ACTION

The Immigration and Refugee Board is doing its best to cope with a growing number of asylum claims in Canada, but the federal Liberals must take action as well, the head of the IRB says.

For refugee claimants arriving in Winnipeg, a board game made out of a bed sheet brings comfort while they stay at a homeless shelter.

Elmi, 35, and Sharmarke, 29, fled Somalia separately and met while on route to Emerson, Man. on March 1.

The Manitoba border town has seen more than 200 asylum seekers arrive since Jan. 1, according to data provided by the RCMP last week.

Elmi and Sharmarke are now staying temporarily at the Salvation Army Booth Centre, where as many as 90 refugee claimants have stayed per night since mid-February. That's the maximum number the Salvation Army can handle space-wise, said spokesman Sgt. Rob Kerr. Those staying at the homeless shelter have sketched a game called Ladu onto a bed sheet in pen.

The sheet is strewn across the dining room table in the second-floor common area.

The object of the game, they explain, is to move all your tokens around the board and find safety at the centre. You roll the dice (in this case, inside a plastic water bottle lid à la Yahtzee) and then move the allotted number of spaces while trying to evade your opponents.

"If we stayed in the United States, we don't have visas for the United States because of the new President Trump. That is why I run — because Donald Trump will do deportation," said Sharmarke during a Ladu game Friday. Asked if they spent much time in the U.S. before heading north, Elmi said he spent a "long time" in a detention centre in Nebraska. "Five hundred days," he repeated thrice for emphasis.

Not wanting to get detained, Sharmarke said he fled Minneapolis, Minn. after four months.

Now the former tomato and corn farmers want to move to Toronto, where Canada's Somali population is most concentrated.

Still, they have many questions about their new homeland: What's the name of the river? How long is it? Where's the hottest place in Canada? As for this latter question, they would like to move there because they hate Winnipeg's snow.

Elmi wins the 40-minute round of Ladu, while a half-dozen refugee claimants sit in the adjoining living room. They're watching Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale talk about their border crossings on TV.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Canada's cities among most start-up friendly

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Vancouver and Toronto are among the most startup-friendly cities in the world and the best city for tech entrepreneurs in Canada, according to a new Genome Startup report.

Vancouver ranked 15th in the world with highest number of startups per capita according to the report, with Toronto coming in 16th.

Vancouver scored average on four out of five measures including talent and startup experience but came up big in the category 'global reach,' with 57 per cent of customers coming from out of the country.

It's a testament to the city's diverse population, said entrepreneur and immigrant Wyle Baoween.

Baoween's startup, HRx Technology Inc., helps companies create a more diverse workforce by taking unconscious bias out of the hiring process. He says Vancouver, where half of residents' first language is not English, is the perfect place to start his business.

"One of my favourite stats is we have more Americans in our city than any other place outside of the States in the planet," said James Raymond, manager of research and analysis at Vancouver's Economic Commission.

"We're the most American city outside of America. We are also the most Asian city outside of Asia."

In fact, 30 per cent of Vancouver's entrepreneurs are immigrants, compared to the global average of 19 per cent. One example is Vancouverite Shahrzad Rafati, an Iranian immigrant who founded Broadband.tv, the third largest video streaming site in the world after Facebook and Google.

Other notable local startups include Plenty of Fish, which sold for $557 million, and Bitstew, which sold for $157 million.

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Dutch head to the polls with much at stake

ELECTION

Far-right party doing well, but others still making gains

The Netherlands goes to the polls Wednesday in elections for the 150-seat lower house of parliament. A look at the key players and issues:

WHAT'S AT STAKE?

The election is seen as a test of far-right populism ahead of national elections in far bigger European nations, France and Germany, where populists also are polling strongly. In the Netherlands, it's about what kind of coalition will run the country for the next four years and whether anti-Islam lawmaker Geert Wilders can win enough seats to force his way into coalition talks.

WHO'S IN THE RUNNING?

Prime Minster Mark Rutte of the right-wing VVD party holds a narrow lead in polls over Wilders' Party for Freedom. But while Rutte is leading, his party is set to lose seats and Wilders looks likely to increase the size of his parliamentary bloc compared to five years ago. But other parties also are making gains — including the increasingly right-wing Christian Democrats, the pro-European Union liberal democrats D66, and the left-wing Green Left party led by 30-year-old Jesse Klaver.

Democrats 66 party leader Alexander Pechtold, Socialist Party leader Emile Roemer, right-wing populist leader Geert Wilders, Green Left party leader Jesse Klaver, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte, and Party for the Animals' Marianne Thieme, gather after a debate Tuesday in The Hague, Netherlands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHAT ARE THE ISSUES?

Wilders' anti-Islam, anti-European Union platform and the reaction of mainstream parties to his one-page manifesto have dominated campaigning. Wilders wants to close Dutch borders to immigrants from Muslim countries, shut mosques and ban the Qur'an, as well as take the Netherlands out of the EU. That radical platform goes too far for mainstream parties, but many have moved to the right in an attempt to appeal to Wilders voters. Other issues like the economy, health care and the environment have been overshadowed by the populist agendas.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Unofficial results should be known by late Wednesday or early Thursday. The official result will not be published by the country's electoral commission until March 21. A day later, the old lower house will meet for the last time and on March 23 new lawmakers will be installed.

WHEN DO THE DUTCH GET A NEW GOVERNMENT

Don't hold your breath. Polls suggest no obvious left or right-leaning majority coalition will emerge, meaning lengthy negotiations between party leaders is likely.

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SYRIA

Military deliberately bombed Idlib school

A UN investigative commission said Tuesday it believes government forces deliberately bombed a school complex in the country's northern countryside in October, killing 21 children, in a scathing report on crimes committed over the last seven months of the Syrian war.

The UN's Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Syria said government forces and their allies had shown a "complete disregard for civilian life and international law" through continued use of cluster munitions, incendiary weapons and chlorine gas as weapons of war. It also fingered an al-Qaida-aligned insurgent group fighting on the side of Syria's rebels and a U.S.-backed Kurdish group for conscripting adolescents for combat.

The commission said the Oct. 26 attack on the Haas village school complex in the rebel-held province of Idlib constituted a war crime. It said the Syrian air force is the only one known to operate the jets identified in the attack, which was widely reported at the time.

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GLOBAL DIGEST

Fight against online hate

Germany's justice minister is proposing fines of up to 50 million euros ($53 million) for social networking sites that fail to swiftly remove illegal content, such as hate speech or defamatory "fake news." The plan marks a further step in Germany's attempt to impose its domestic laws against incitement on the world of online chatter. AP

Anti-headscarf ruling facing criticism

Private businesses in Europe can forbid Muslim women in their employ from wearing headscarves if the ban is part of a policy of neutrality within the company and not a sign of prejudice against a religion, the EU Court of Justice said. Such a ban doesn't constitute "direct discrimination." Critics voiced fears that the decision risks becoming a setback to all working Muslim women. AP

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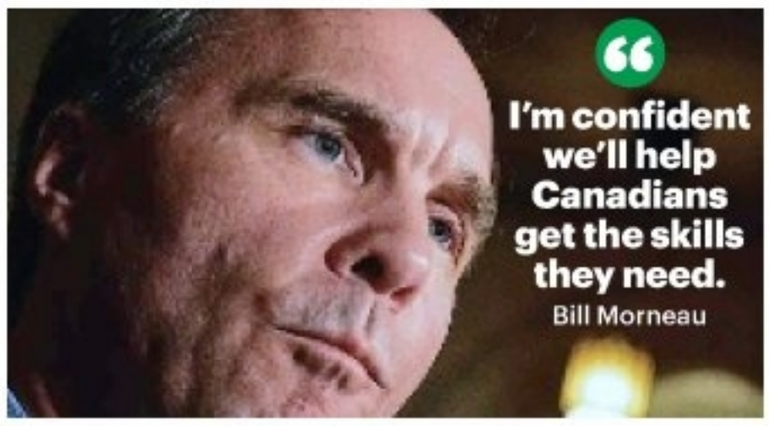
Hopes high for job-skills help in budget



EMPLOYMENT

Students need real-life work experience, advocates say

Expectations are running high that next week's federal budget will provide a more detailed federal strategy — and perhaps more cash — to help post-secondary students land real-life work experience in emerging, employee-starved fields.

In last year's budget, Ottawa committed $73 million over four years to fund an initiative aimed at ensuring that what's being taught inside the classroom is better aligned with the tech-related needs of the job market.

The government plans to launch the program this year — and advocates will be watching the March 22 budget for signs of a framework.

"Students today want to get their hands dirty as part of the university experience," said Universities Canada president Paul Davidson.

Last year, the government set aside money for new co-op placements and work-integrated learning in anticipation of a program to encourage participation in "high-demand fields," such as science, technology, engineering, mathematics and business.

Finance Minister Bill Morneau's second budget comes amid growing awareness that a wide range of today's jobs will eventually be replaced by the rapid advance of new technologies, such as automation and artificial intelligence. Job skills will be "one of the key areas of focus" in the budget, Morneau said last week.

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PRIVACY

Sex-toy maker settles intimate data lawsuit

A Canadian vibrator maker accused of secretly tracking the intimate habits of thousands of its customers through a smartphone app has agreed to spend $5 million US to settle a privacy lawsuit in the United States.

Under the deal, Ottawa-based Standard Innovation will pay Americans who bought its We-Vibe sex toy before Sept. 26, 2016, up to $199 US each. Users who controlled the vibrator via its We-Connect application will get up to $10,000 US each — although the actual amounts in both cases are likely to be much lower.

The company, which denies any wrongdoing, will also have to destroy much of the personal data it had collected through the app. The data includes time and date of use, the user-selected vibration intensity level and pattern and the temperature of the device, according to court documents.

Company records indicate about 300,000 people bought a Bluetooth enabled We-Vibe product and more than 100,000 downloaded and used the app, an affidavit by the plaintiffs' lawyer, Eve-Lynn Rapp, states.

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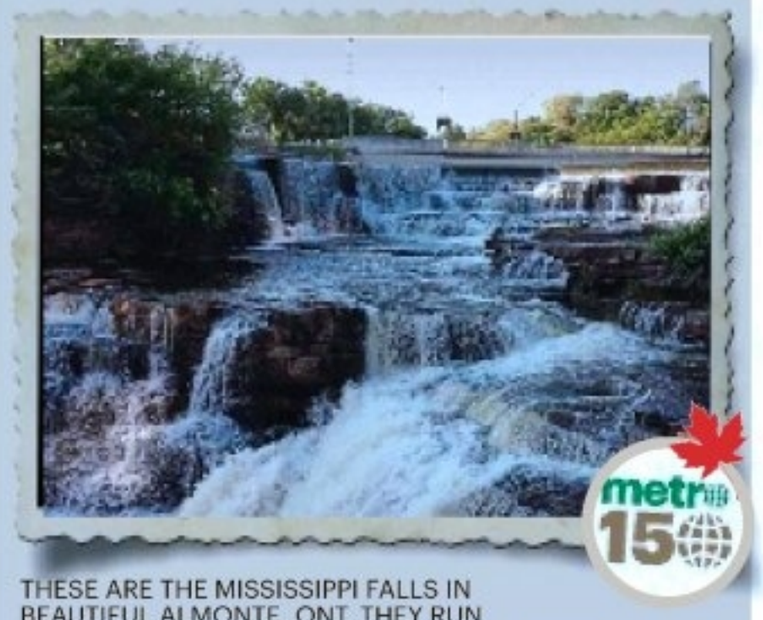

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JESSICA ALLEN ON PALTROW AND PSEUDOSCIENCE

How could a magazine with 'health' in its title feature the Goop founder? Easily.

Gwyneth Paltrow looks great in a red bikini on the April Women's Health cover. But wherever the Goop founder goes, she is followed by controversy (and cold-pressed juice and bergamot-cedar incense.)

People, including some in the medical community, are outraged, not just because the cover line "Get. Her. Abs." in "just 3 moves" is a flat-out lie (tried it), but over the interview with the wellness guru.

How could a magazine with the word "health" in it promote a person who promotes unhealthy things — like vaginal steaming — and not hold her to account for her medically unsubstantiated beliefs?

There is literally an entire book dedicated to Paltrow's peddling of pseudoscience: Timothy Caulfield's Is Gwyneth Paltrow Wrong About Everything? The professor of health law and science policy at the University of Alberta recently told Gizmodo: "It's disappointing that a magazine called 'Women's Health' is embracing this science-free nonsense!"

The thinking goes: They should've known better. But maybe we should have, too.

For starters, a high school student could find the red flags: First, the interview was conducted by Paltrow's employee. No wonder she didn't press her boss on the vagina steaming. And it reads like an advertorial hawking Goop's new line of supplements. Second, the interview's sidebar features an MD evaluating those supplements. But the doctor dabbles in so-called functional medicine, a controversial practice whose most famous adherent regularly appears on The Dr. Oz Show.

Gwyneth Paltrow graces the April cover of Women's Health. AP

Caulfield complained to Gizmodo that Goop wraps its advice "in a blanket of pseudoscience."

But since when did we consider Women's Health an arbiter of health science? The magazine, whose founding editor was formerly of Teen People, is not a health journal. So to feign shock over an interview in which Gwyneth says she wants to get to the bottom of why women are so exhausted (I have a few theories) and why she is "really interested in the impact of heavy metals and parasites on our bodies," seems pretty rich.

But things get richer. Compare the two April covers of Women's and Men's Health. Both target weight loss and how to get a ripped bod. Women get a "Sexy, Easy Hair" cover line and men get: "Lean, Tough, Fit!" Women get that spread on Goop's new supplements and men get a special report on "Is your supplement toxic?"

It's a solidly scientific topic. Medical studies, op-eds and reporting brought the issue of Big Vitamin taking on regulators to light. You couldn't pick up a paper or turn on a TV in 2013 without reading about not just the ineffectiveness of vitamin supplements but also their inherent dangers.

Pseudoscience is pushed on women all the time. Why are they always targeting us with this garbage?

Maybe the answer is obvious: We buy into it. Recent polls suggest that more women than men believe in astrology, take supplements and put stock in alternative medicines.

It's easy to laugh at Sean Spicer for not being media-savvy enough to know that The Onion is a satirical website. But whose fault is it if Gwyneth on the cover of a women's health magazine doesn't sound any alarms? Who's to blame for the orgasm-improving $60 jade eggs that you stick into your vagina selling out on goop.com? For the 4,000-strong waiting list to secure one?

I'd like to blame the patriarchy, but I don't think it holds much sway over Goop. And even if the patriarchy came before the jade egg, I don't blame Gwyneth. She's just the messenger.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

Spoiler alert: It's your fault for not keeping up, not mine

Vicky Mochama
Metro

Whether it is Romeo and Juliet, Harry Potter or the video for Call Me Maybe, I do not believe in spoilers.

A spoiler is a plot point that tells you how a story's narrative progresses or ends. For example, knowing the line "I see dead people" is kind of a spoiler for the movie The Sixth Sense.

Among civilized people, you're not supposed to spoil the plot. Tell someone that Matthew dies in Downton Abbey and you end up yelling at them that it aired five years ago while they pout about it. Half a decade apparently wasn't enough time for them to get caught up on a season three plot-point in a six-season TV show. Spoiler alert: The show goes on without him.

You can't talk about any cultural touchstone without providing a spoiler. I was describing Carmen, the opera, to someone when I found myself saying, "Spoiler alert: Carmen dies." Carmen has been performed at least a dozen times (give or take) since it debuted in 1875. Believe me, it ruins nothing of Bizet's magnificent score to say Carmen meets her end. Also, it's an opera; someone important has to die. It's opera law!

I find that as long as you don't tell people how and in exactly what order, the knowledge of the plot can actually increase the story's enjoyment. In 2011, researchers at UC San Diego found that people still enjoy texts even when they know major plot points and how the story ends. Their research found that participants actually enjoyed stories more when the plot had been spoiled for them.

Knowing the ingredients of a meal doesn't ruin it for you; rather, it gives you some flavours to look forward to.

And at this point, there is just too much culture. We can't tiptoe around plots because other people were "busy" at their "jobs" or whatever. Sometimes you just have to say: The world doesn't end in X-Men: Apocalypse.

Writers have some responsibility. In 2008, culture news and criticism website Vulture established its own statute of limitations for spoilers; it allows for unmarked spoilers in the text of an article on the Monday after a movie opens, but writers have to wait a month before putting spoilers in headlines. There are different rules for books and reality TV shows.

All of that is way too complicated. For my personal policy, however, I'll be reasonable. I will give you 24 hours. If within 24 hours, you have not viewed, read or listened to a piece of culture then you have not made it a priority.

Being into culture is a lot like texting while dating: If you don't get to it within a day, you were never that into it.

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CULTURE

'Gay moment' in Beauty and the Beast falls short for many

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LeFou, played by Josh Gad, (right) with leading man Gaston, played by Luke Evans . CONTRIBUTED

There's a moment at the end of Disney's live-action remake of Beauty and the Beast where the villain's chubby sidekick LeFou starts dancing with a man in drag. Though it lasts only a few seconds, it's been called a watershed moment for the entertainment conglomerate, and LeFou has been dubbed "Disney's first gay character."

Just as swiftly, it was ruled "adults-only" material in Russia and an Alabama drive-in declared it wouldn't screen the film. But even non-homophobes don't like it.

If LeFou's errand is to be the champion of the "love is love" generation of marriage equality and LGBTQ rights, for many Disney watchers he has not only failed, but is proof gay characters still can't crack the mainstream without a tired old stereotype being applied. For some, a bad representation is worse than no representation at all.

"At this point in 2017, praising a large corporation for doing the least possible in terms of including LGBTQ characters is a bit ridiculous," says Jensine Jones, a Toronto podcaster who identifies as queer.

The film's openly gay director Bill Condon called it "a nice, exclusively gay moment" in an interview with Attitude magazine.

As characters gather for the ballroom celebration scene, LeFou begins dancing with a woman. Soon he transitions into the arms of a man named Stanley, who we met earlier when Stanley and two other men are suddenly clothed in dresses and makeup by an enchanted wardrobe. The other men are aghast, but Stanley smiles, delighted with the cross-dressing.

In the ballroom, LeFou and Stanley don't back away from each other, instead they continue to dance.

"It's a little too late, and a little too little, but it's better than nothing," says Nicholas Sammond, an associate professor of cinema studies at the University of Toronto. Though the small moment has caused a "hullabaloo" online, it's the hullabaloo that counts, he says.

> **At this rate, we'll have enough for a full-on feature in right about the time we've all moved to Mars**
> Filmmaker John Greyson

"As with many things Disney, the conversation around it is probably as important as the event itself," says Sammond. "Particularly as we enter the era of Trump, it's good to have conversations about the degree to which representations of gay characters are positive and move us toward a more inclusive society."

That was the discussion in 2009 surrounding Disney's The Princess and the Frog, featuring the studio's first black princess. Though some dubbed it "unforgivably late" and "one-dimensional," others called the film "barrier-breaking."

"Even if it's this small, tiny scene that recognizes a character like LeFou is gay or questioning, I think that is a step forward," says Andrew Murphy, director of programming for Toronto's queer film festival Inside Out. He acknowledges the history of feminized baddies in film from characters including Scar in The Lion King. "The Hollywood trope of the effeminate villain is a tale as old as time."

Queer Toronto actor Emily Schooley isn't sure she'll pay the price of admission to find out if LeFou (translation: "the fool") is portrayed in a better way than a "bumbling yes-man" yearning for Gaston, the film's pompous heterosexual bad boy. She suspects it is simply more of the same "queer-baiting," where a gay character is added to attract queer audiences, but is promptly killed off or pushed aside.

Filmmaker John Greyson notes some other brief queer moments in mainstream film: the "3.5 seconds of gay Sulu" in Star Trek Beyond, the "suddenly gay" Cary Grant in the 1938 comedy Bringing Up Baby.

"At this rate, we'll have enough for a full-on feature in right about the time we've all moved to Mars," jokes Greyson.

Some argue the LeFou storm is much ado about nothing and "it's just Disney," but for U of T's Sammond, that position is weak.

"When people say 'it's just Disney' they're ignoring a history that, for anxious parents in particular, is really significant," he says. "Disney has built its reputation as being good for children."

When new movies come out, parents often ask, will this be better for children's self-image?

The effect media has on children's lives is "notoriously impossible to gauge," says Sammond, but that doesn't mean moments like LeFou's gay dance should be brushed off.

"What matters more is that people believe it (affects their kids) and they bring that idea to their viewing of Disney films," he says. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

MALAYSIA CENSORS SCENE

Walt Disney has shelved the release of Beauty and the Beast in mainly Muslim Malaysia, even though film censors said Tuesday it had been approved with a minor cut involving a "gay moment."

The country's two main cinema chains said the movie has been postponed indefinitely. Film Censorship Board chairman Abdul Halim Abdul Hamid said he did not know why the film was postponed as it was approved by the board after a minor gay scene was axed.

He said scenes promoting homosexuality were forbidden and that the film was given a P13 rating, which requires parental guidance for children under 13 years of age. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Buttery scones that are fit for a saint

RECIPE

Moist and flaky Irish variation best served up with salty fish

Is it not enjoyable to take advantage of another culture's holiday to explore new recipes and treat yourself to something delicious? It is. And is St. Patrick's Day not right around the corner? As the Irish might say, 'tis.

Moist, biscuit-y Irish scones, lashed with rich butter and a few slices of smoked salmon, top many lists of Irish culinary yearnings this March 17.

European-style butter makes a big difference in this dish; it has a slightly higher butterfat content than everyday supermarket butter. If you're sticking close to the theme, look for good Irish butter.

As with biscuits or really any quick bread, the less you handle the dough, the better. Overmixing or kneading will activate proteins in the flour, toughening your resulting baked goods. The dough might seem sticky; just work quickly and make sure your work surface is well dusted with flour. Lightly dust the top of the dough, too, so your fingers won't stick to it.

These scones are not too sweet, as their intended filling is smoked, salty fish. For a sweeter plain scone, add another tablespoon or two of sugar.

These scones are not too sweet as their intended filling is smoked, salty salmon; if you're trying to be super authentic, source some wild Atlantic salmon — adored in Ireland. CONTRIBUTED

Irish Scones With Smoked Salmon

Makes 10

Ingredients:

- 3 cups all-purpose flour, plus more for patting out dough
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 3/4 cup (1-1/2 sticks) chilled unsalted butter, cut into pieces
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 egg yolk
- 1 whole egg
- About 3 tablespoons softened unsalted butter, for serving
- 1/2 pound good-quality smoked salmon

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees. Line a baking sheet with parchment. Lightly flour a clean work surface.

2. In large mixing bowl, stir together flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Using a pastry cutter, two knives or your fingers, cut butter into flour mixture until mixture resembles coarse cornmeal, with no piece of butter larger than a pea.

3. In small bowl, combine milk and egg yolk. Stir into dry ingredients just until mixture comes together.

4. Turn dough onto floured work surface, and roll or pat out to 1-1/4-inch thick. Cut 2-1/2-inch circles with biscuit cutter, as close as possible to one another. Gently pat together scraps and cut out another 2 or 3 circles. Place pieces on prepared baking sheet at least 1 inch apart.

5. Beat whole egg with 1 teaspoon of water in small bowl and brush lightly on tops of scones.

6. Bake until golden brown, about 15 minutes. Transfer to wire rack to cool.

7. Split scones in half, then spread with butter and layer bottom halves with salmon. Replace tops.

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A CUT ABOVE

What does it mean to "cut" the butter into the flour mixture?

The butter is added cold, in small pieces, and is incorporated into the dry ingredients so that it is well distributed but maintains a pebbly texture.

That way, when the scones bake, the butter melts into the dough and creates flaky scones with tiny pockets of air to keep the texture light.

Use a pastry cutter, two butter knives or quick rubbing movements with your fingers to work in the butter without creaming it into the dough, which would create a denser scone.

RECIPE

A gooey slice of the black stuff

Happy St. Patrick's Day everyone! While I love green beer as much as the next guy, I like to celebrate Canada's Irish heritage with a bit more of a sophisticated flavour profile — what they like to call 'the black stuff."

Enter my ooey, gooey chocolate-overload Guinness cake — you've never tasted anything like it. The addition of a generous pour of Guinness to the batter is the secret to this knockout cake's deeply caramelized flavour and melt-in-your-mouth texture. The crumb is moist and dark, but heavy and satisfying at the same time. The ganache adds a whole other layer of intensity; also spiked with stout, it's creamy and intense.

This Guinness cake is a chocolate overload. CONTRIBUTED

Chocolate Guinness Cake

Makes 12 servings

Ingredients:

- 3 cups (450 g) all-purpose flour (more for pans)
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1-1/4 cups (280 g) unsalted butter (more for pans)
- 1-1/4 cups (310 mL) Guinness beer or a local stout
- 1 cup (100 g) cocoa powder
- 1-1/2 cups (315 g) lightly packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup (105 g) sugar
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 3/4 cup (180 ml) sour cream

For the ganache:

- 16 oz(450 g) dark chocolate, chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) Guinness stout
- 2/3 cup (150 mL) 35% heavy cream
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) light corn syrup
- 1/2 cup (115 g) cold unsalted butter, diced

Directions:

1. With the rack in middle position, preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Line two 8-inch (20 cm) springform pans with parchment paper. Butter and flour the sides.

2. In a bowl, combine flour and baking soda. Set aside. In a saucepan over medium heat, melt the butter with the beer and cocoa powder, stirring with a whisk. Let cool.

3. In a large bowl, combine brown sugar, sugar and salt. With a whisk, add the lukewarm butter mixture alternately with dry ingredients and eggs.

4. Add sour cream and stir until mixture is smooth. Divide batter among pans and bake for about 50 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the centre of each cake comes out clean. Unmould and cool.

5. To make the ganache, place the chocolate in a bowl.

6. In a saucepan, bring beer, cream and syrup to a boil. Remove from heat and pour over chocolate. Let stand.

7. With a whisk, gently stir mixture until the chocolate has completely melted. Add the butter and stir until smooth. Refrigerate for 1 hour or until the ganache is spreadable but not too thick. If needed, microwave a few seconds at a time and stir until spreadable.

8. Cut and discard the rounded tops of each cake. Spread one-quarter of the ganache onto one layer.

9. Top with the second cake layer and frost with the remaining ganache.

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Rogue refresh won't unseat rivals

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THE CHECKLIST | 2017 NISSAN ROGUE

THE BASICS

Engine: 2.5 litre four-cylinder
Output: 170 horsepower, 175 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: Continuously variable auto
Fuel Economy (L/100 km): 9.6 city, 7.4 highway (AWD)
Price: $35,793 as-tested (destination included)

LOVE IT

- Updated styling
- Reasonable ride

LEAVE IT

- Outdated infotainment system
- Pricey Star Wars package (pictured left)
- Whiney CVT

REVIEW

Superficial updates not enough to take the top spot

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

The Nissan Rogue has gone from afterthought to in demand, climbing the sales charts to crack the top-five best-selling CUVs in Canada and the United States.

That means the Rogue is rubbing fenders with the likes of the Ford Escape and Honda CR-V. But as overhauled versions of both hit dealer lots in recent months — and a new Mazda CX-5 on its way in the near future — the Rogue seems suddenly outdated.

Which is where this mid-cycle refresh comes in. The Rogue looks even more like a baby Pathfinder than before, but Nissan definitely played it safe with the update.

The cabin has been spruced up, slightly, to include a new flat-bottom steering wheel, as well as a new center console design, a new shifter, and some updated trim panels on the doors and dash. The fabric used on the seats has also been replaced, while a fancy new trim package adds quilted leather upholstery to top-of-the-line SL models.

Our tester came finished in mid-grade SV trim, which leaves a lot to be desired. There's plenty of hard touch plastics and the fabric on the seats doesn't feel great either. Making matters worse is the Rogue SV's basic infotainment system. With a five-inch display in the dash, what you see is what you get and what you get is little more than audio and rearview camera functionality.

The interior of the Rogue SV has comfortable seats that come heated up front and a sliding second row that offers plenty of legroom. The Rogue can move a family of four with ease. It's also capable of squeezing an extra passenger or two thanks to the available third row of seats, making the Rogue the smallest three-row crossover on the North American market.

Stick to a five-passenger configuration and there's a decent amount of cargo room in the Rogue. The seats-up space is on par with the likes of the 2017 CR-V, though the Honda does offer more room with them folded.

None of the Rogue's mechanics were changed as part of the refresh, which means the same four-cylinder engine carries over for 2017. Output is respectable, however, the Rogue's continuously variable transmission whines and moans like a cat in heat during acceleration. Thankfully the Rogue's cabin is pretty quiet otherwise, without much road noise making it inside.

As for the ride itself, it's a little stiff and truck-like, but does pretty well to absorb bumps in the road. The steering is a little vague, but the variable steering ratio is an added bonus and gives it a lighter feel at lower speeds, making it easier to maneuver.

With an updated look and little else, the 2017 Nissan Rogue isn't likely to unseat the segment-leading CR-V anytime soon.

INNOVATION

New Cadillacs can 'talk' to other cars on the road

Jason Siu
AutoGuide.com

The Cadillac CTS sedan now comes standard with Vehicle-to-Vehicle (V2V) communications.

Beginning with 2017 interim model year cars that are in production now, the Cadillac CTS can share information that can be used to alert drivers to upcoming potential hazards.

The American automaker's V2V solution uses Dedicated Short-Range Communications (DSRC) and GPS, with the potential to handle 1,000 messages per second from vehicles up to nearly 1,000 feet away. That means the sedan can prompt alerts for hard braking, slippery conditions and disabled vehicles ahead of time, giving ample warning to the driver.

For example, when the car approaches an intersection, the system scans the vicinity for other vehicles and tracks their positions, directions and speeds with alerts appearing in the instrument cluster and available head-up display. Owners can customize these alerts that appear on their Cadillac user experience infotainment system.

Unfortunately only vehicles equipped with compatible V2V systems will be able to communicate with one another, but the technology is expected to roll out from more automakers in the coming years.

Multiple V2V-equipped vehicles are able to create an ad hoc wireless network to transfer information without relying on sight lines, good weather conditions or cellular coverage. The 2017 Cadillac CTS sedan's V2V technology operates on the 5.9 GHz spectrum allocated by the Federal Communications Commission.

"From the introduction of air bags, to the debut of OnStar, Cadillac continues its heritage of pioneering safety and connectivity advances," said Richard Brekus, Cadillac global director of product strategy. "V2V essentially enables the car to sense around corners."

Cadillacs with V2V technology are now in production. HANDOUT

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Formula 1 legend unveils dream car

FITTIPALDI

Vision in yellow

Formula 1 legend Emerson Fittipaldi just unveiled the car of his dreams, the Fittipaldi EF7 Vision Gran Turismo at the Geneva Motor Show.

Fittipaldi partnered with Pininfarina, the Italian carrozzeria, and German engineering firm HWA AG on the superconcept. The sculpted all-carbon shape is staggeringly pretty, ruthlessly functional and focused in racy kinda way. The EF7 promises professional level performance. It will have a limited production run with bespoke options; it's unlikely two EF7s will be alike. MICHAEL ACCARDI/AUTOGUIDE.COM

RACEMO

Let's get phygital

Indian automaker Tata Motors has introduced the sub-brand Tamo at the Geneva Motor Show.

The first of Tamo's innovations is Racemo, a two-seater sports coupe the company calls the first globally developed "phygital" car, merging the physical and digital worlds. Thanks to Microsoft, the Racemo is also India's first connected car, bringing alive connected technologies like cloud computing, analytics, geo-spatial and mapping, as well as human-machine interface. There's also a race version called the Racemo+. JASON SIU/AUTOGUIDE.COM

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X-TRAIL

Doggone Nissan

Nissan has introduced a new concept tailored for our furry friends, the X-Trail 4Dogs.

No this isn't a joke. Nissan is incorporating accessories for your four-legged pet. In the rear of the X-Trail 4Dogs concept, the automaker has added a quilted cargo area, a shower, a spill-proof water bowl and a treat dispenser. There's a ramp to allow dogs to enter easily and a special clip for harnesses. The 360 shower wraps around the dog so the user doesn't get wet, while a built-in blowdryer nozzle is handy to get rid of the wet-dog smell. There's even a 10-inch screen so they can see what the passengers are doing. This also allows the driver to check on the dogs from the cockpit. Sadly, it's unlikely this concept will make it to production.

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Civic: Lost in transformation

Whenever we see a concept or prototype for a new model reveal, it's likely we'll be disappointed by the real deal. When we first saw the Civic Type R prototype, we were blown away — the way Honda transformed the mainstream Civic compact sedan into something more sinister and bad-ass was jaw-dropping, but in the back of our minds, we knew not all aspects would make the production version. Here's how the prototype compares to the real thing. **SAMI HAJ-ASSAAD** AUTOGUIDE.COM

1 Side markers
The amber corner lights on the production model were slick-looking and tinted black on the prototype.

2 Front intake
The lower front intake is smaller on the production version, or at least the lighter paint job makes it look less intimidating.

3 Bumper openings
The gills on the side of the intake seemed larger and more pronounced on the prototype.

4 Headlight washer
The production version has bumps hiding headlight washers, while the sleek prototype didn't.

5 Red exhaust tip
While both have three exhaust exits, the prototype had a metallic red center exhaust that's missing here.

6 Ground effects
Both cars feature a serious ground effects package. However, on the prototype, the front splitter, rear diffuser and side skirts were all carbon fibre — with the production model using a look-alike material.

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Buoyed by the success of the Kitten Bowl, the Hallmark Channel will debut Meow Madness on April 3

IN BRIEF

Leicester overcomes deficit to eliminate Sevilla

The fairytale rise of Leicester touched new heights on Tuesday when the English champion reached the Champions League quarter-finals with a 2-0 home win over Sevilla.

Leicester's 2-1 deficit from the first leg in southern Spain was turned into a 3-2 victory on aggregate at an atmospheric King Power Stadium thanks to Wes Morgan's close-range strike in the 27th minute and Marc Albrighton's goal in the 54th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Japan moves closer to WBC championship round

Tetsuto Yamada hit two home runs to lead Japan to an 8-5 win over Cuba in the World Baseball Classic on Tuesday.

Two-time champion Japan improved to 2-0 in Pool E and can advance to the March 20-22 championship round in Los Angeles with a win over Israel (1-1) on Wednesday. The top two teams in the group advance. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Price likely headed for DL

Boston Red Sox left-hander David Price is likely to start the season on the disabled list because of his sore pitching elbow.

Starting the second season of a $217-million, seven-year contract, Price has not yet appeared in an exhibition game. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Villanova feeling the pressure to repeat

MARCH MADNESS

Florida was last school to go back-to-back in 2006, '07

Villanova players celebrate after **Kris Jenkins** sank the championship-winning three-pointer to defeat North Carolina last year in Houston. RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Kris Jenkins buried the three-pointer that sparked book deals, red carpet photo ops, a White House trip, a handful of award banquets and hundreds of perks that come with winning a national championship.

But the national title did come with a tinge of pressure that lingered into this season — can Villanova beat the odds and become the first back-to-back national champs in 10 years?

"It's always a reminder that everybody expects you to do it again," coach Jay Wright said. "That's part of the challenge. When people say it's hard to repeat, that's part of why it's hard to repeat, is because you have to deal with those expectations all the time, those constant reminders of last year."

The reminders of April were impossible to ignore this season.

So were the warnings for the rest of the NCAA Tournament bracket that this season's Wildcats just might be better than last year's edition.

"I don't know if we're better," Big East player of the year Josh Hart said. "I just know that we're playing just as well at the end of the season."

Duke, Kansas and North Carolina are championship favourites at the Las Vegas casinos. But the shot at basketball history has helped drive the Wildcats (31-3) toward becoming the first repeat champs since Florida in 2006 and 2007.

> **We're not afraid of failure ... as long as we play hard for each other, we're good.**
> Villanova coach Jay Wright

Led by coach Billy Donovan, the Gators were loaded with NBA talent and the five starters from the '06 team bypassed the pros for a chance to repeat. Joakim Noah, Al Horford and Corey Brewer sacrificed NBA riches and helped the Gators breeze through the regular season and earn the No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament. Florida beat Ohio State in the title game and became the first program since Duke in 1992 to repeat.

"Anytime you win like that, and you have your whole starting team come back, the expectations change, and in a lot of ways, you get critiqued under a microscope, and sometimes, that can take the joy out of it," Donovan said. "It's like, you win, but you didn't win by enough. You lost, but you shouldn't. All those things get factored in."

The Wildcats, who won Big East season and tournament titles, are the first defending champion to earn the tournament's overall top seed since Florida in 2007. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FOOTBALL

Auclair draws American interest

The calculated gamble Antony Auclair took on himself is paying immediate dividends.

The Laval Rouge et Or tight end performed admirably at his pro day Monday in Quebec City despite a hamstring injury. Afterwards, Auclair said he'd been invited to visit with five NFL teams leading up to next month's draft in Philadelphia.

Antony Auclair ULAVAL.CA

Auclair's agent, Sasha Ghavami, said Tuesday eight teams now want to meet with his client and wouldn't be surprised if that number swelled to double digits.

"It was kind of unorthodox to do it that way (compete despite injury) but it worked out for the best," Ghavami said. "The scouts were all very happy with how he did and were really impressed with his toughness.

"One thing that kind of opened my eyes came Saturday when a team asked Antony in an interview if he'd ever been hurt. Antony has been lucky in that he's never really been injured in football so he's never had to battle that adversity per se in his career. I think (Monday) was a good test of that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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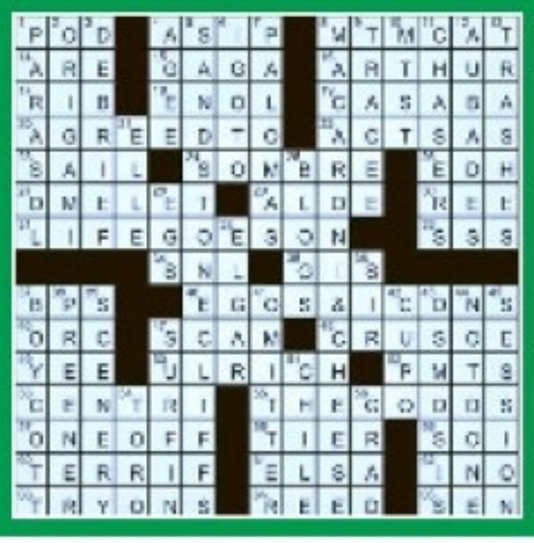

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✷ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Avoid squabbles about money and shared property today, because they quite likely will be nonproductive. Who wants to get involved with this? Not you.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
For most of this day, the Moon is opposite your sign, which means you have to go more than halfway when dealing with others. This simply requires a little patience and co-operation.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Do what you can to clean up your act and get better organized today. However, don't be too pushy about it, or you might get into an argument with someone at work.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Romantic partners will have to be patient with each other today. Likewise, parents will have to be patient with their kids, because there will be moments of tension. Oh dear.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might want to hide or cocoon at home today. This is just fine. Nevertheless, avoid squabbles with a female family member. Keep a low profile.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You are highly charged with energy today, especially when dealing with siblings and daily contacts. Remember to listen to others. Take it easy.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You have strong feelings about your money, your cash flow and your possessions today, which is why you might get into an argument with someone.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today the Moon is in your sign, which brings you a little bit of extra good luck. However, this can create arguments with partners and close friends. Stay chill.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You feel restless today. And because you feel restless, you might be mildly short-tempered with someone. Maintain your cool today. (You'll be glad you did.)

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A conversation with a female acquaintance or friend will be significant today. What you want to do is avoid an argument, because that's no fun. Be cool.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Disagreements with bosses and parents might break out at some point today. Don't say anything you will later regret. Be smart.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is an argumentative day for many people, because the Moon is opposite Mars. Don't get sucked in by this. Be your cool, sweet and charming self.

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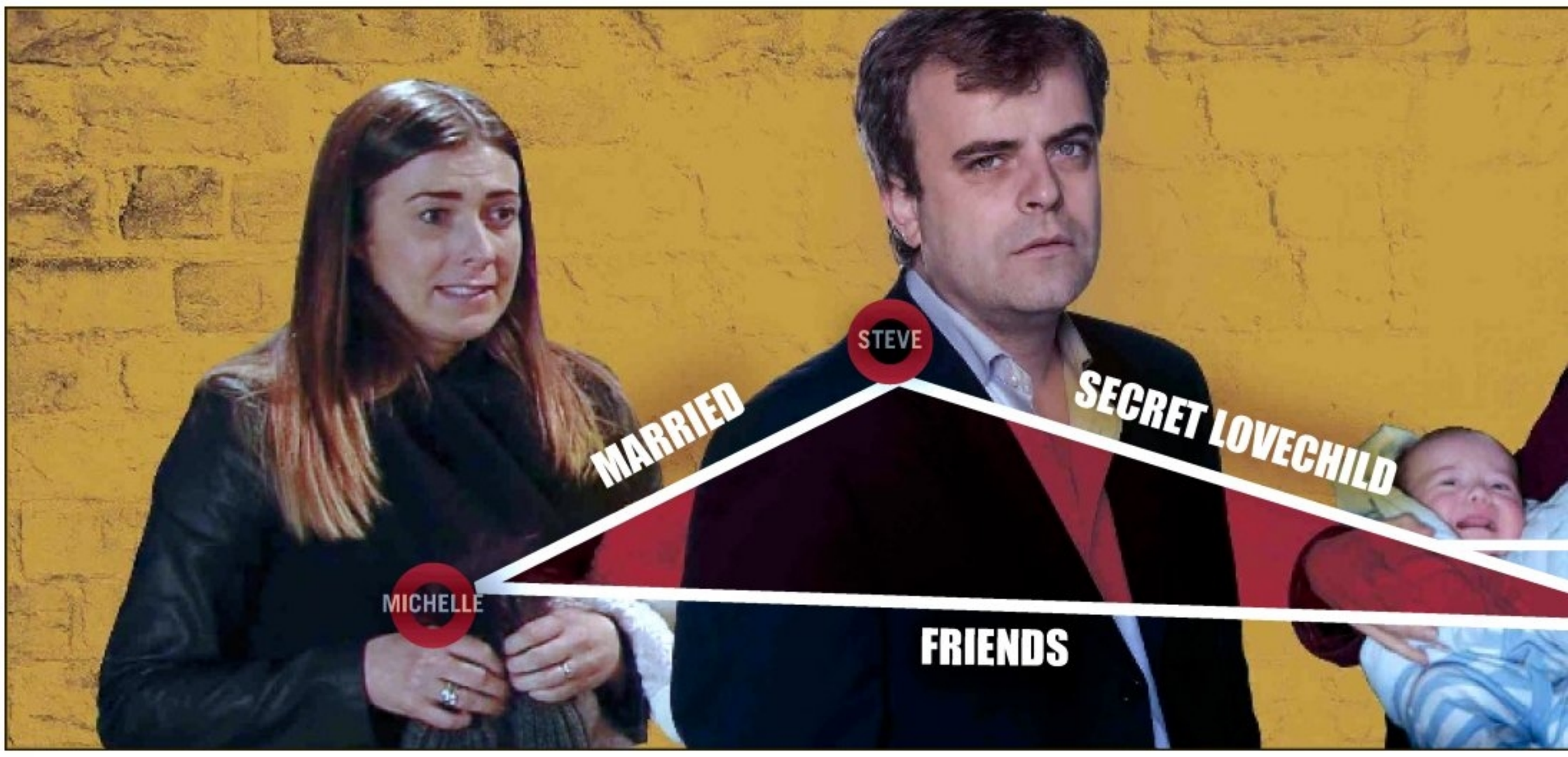

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Fresh Grilled Shrimp Salad

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

If you keep frozen shrimp in the freezer, you're one step closer to a fibre- and protein-rich dinner salad

Ready in 1 hour
Prep time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- 1 tsp sesame oil
- 2 cloves of garlic minced
couple of grinds of black pepper
- 1 pound large shrimp
- 4 or 5 wooden skewers
- 2 or 3 cobs of corn
- 1 x 19 ounce can black beans
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 1/2 cup chopped cilantro
- 1 avocado, diced
- 4 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 3 Tbsp lime juice
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/4 tsp pepper
- 1 head Boston lettuce, washed, spun and chopped

Directions

1. Mix vegetable oil, lime juice, soy sauce, sesame oil, garlic and pepper in a bowl. Add shrimp, cover, and place in the fridge for about an hour. Soak skewers.

2. Oil grill and turn on high. Place corn on top and cook 15 to 20 minutes, turning every 5 minutes. Remove and allow to cool before slicing off the kernels. Mix corn, beans, chopped peppers and coriander in a bowl. Fold in avocado. Whisk oil, lime juice, salt, cumin and pepper. Dress the bean mixture.

3. Take shrimp out of fridge and put about three on each skewer. Barbecue for about six minutes. Allow to cool slightly before sliding them off the skewers.

4. On a serving plate, arrange the chopped lettuce and pile the beans and grilled shrimp on top.

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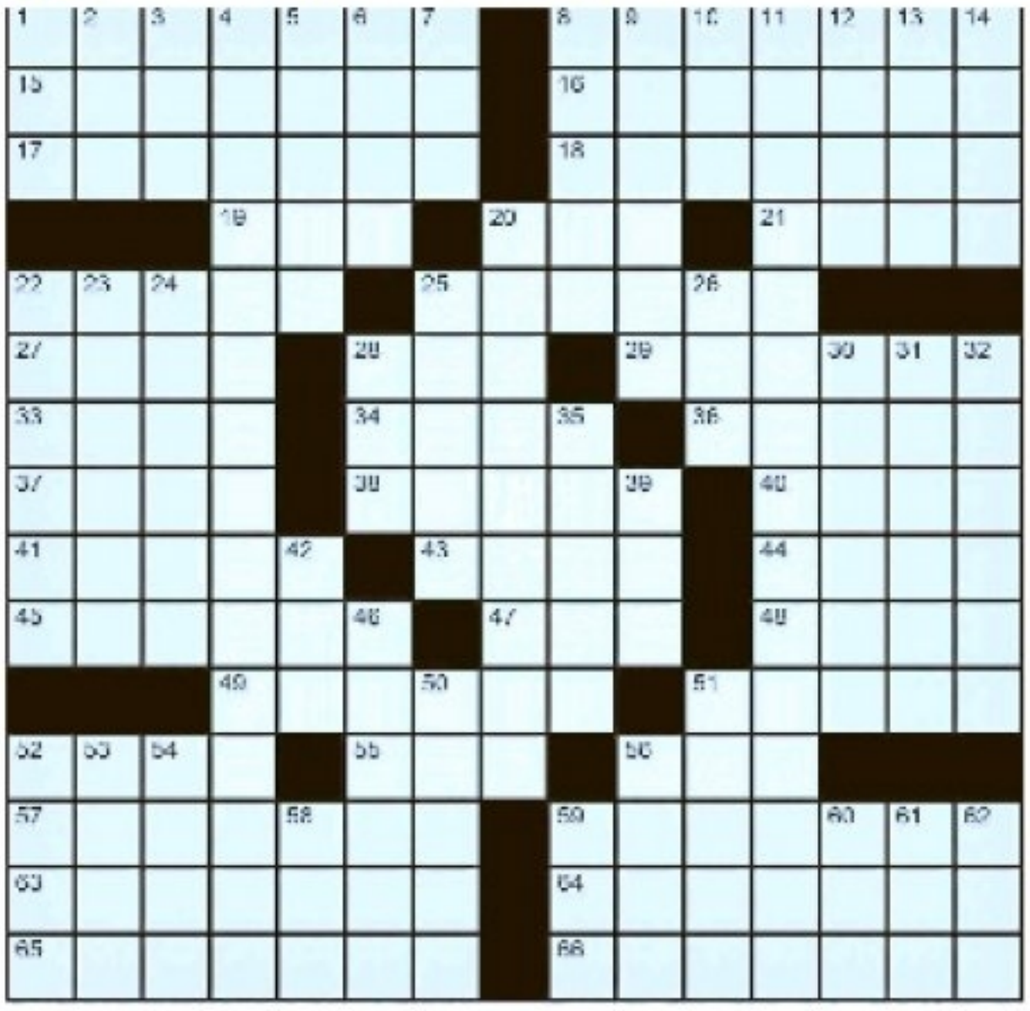

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8. Cheekier
15. Castle fortress town in Portugal near the Spain border
16. Get
17. Nicely-illuminated
18. Vocalist's spans
19. Old music high note
20. "Face/Off" (1997) director John
21. One of a breath mint brand
22. Be noncommittal
25. Van Morrison song
27. Gym activity [abbr.]
28. Singers Scary or Sporty
29. Like 'light' food
33. Coca-__
34. Ons opposites
36. Clay-upon-clay creation
37. Gentleman's gesture, _ _ of the hat
38. Badger
40. "__ go Bragh!"
41. Actress, __ Campbell-Martin
43. Ostrich-like bird
44. AD = __ Domini
45. Canyon communicator
47. Former
48. Red __, Alberta
49. Who? What? Where? When? Why?: 2 wds.
51. __ River, Nunavut
52. Not kosher
55. '80s scandal-ridden televangelism org.
56. '100 Years...' movie org.
57. Natural home in the environment
59. "Star Trek: Voyager" actress Kate
63. TV personality/actress Carmen
64. Stopped, as production: 3 wds.
65. Variant-spelled namesakes of baseball great Mr. Jeter
66. Blue box items

DOWN
1. Hound's 'hand'
2. Corrida cheer
3. T-shirt size choices
4. 1900-built heritage site in Whitehorse that was a communications hub: 2 wds.
5. Thousand: French
6. Sarah McLachlan tune
7. Natalie Cole's father
8. Sweeper
9. Move away in shock
10. Play part
11. Uniquely-named beacon in PEI overlooking the Northumberland Strait: 3 wds.
12. Bee's abode
13. Best __ (Greatest)
14. Breather
20. It's a call in the wild: 2 wds.
22. __ Strait (It separates Haida Gwaii and mainland BC)
23. Demi Moore's dancing style in "Striptease" (1996)
24. "Yum-yum!"
25. Hold over
26. Headshakes
28. Gang
30. Art of "The Honeymooners"
31. Fashioned as some skirts
32. Edgar Allan Poe poem
35. Covers the falcon's eyes
39. Small amount
42. First three vowels
46. Campground for certain campers, curtly: 2 wds.
50. Singing legend Ms. James'
51. Piano's B key alternatively: letter + wd.
52. "Kathy Griffin: My Life on __-List"
53. Rattling breathing sound
54. Celebrity hairstylist Jose
56. Car
58. Transport for T.O. commuters
59. Literary fairy queen
60. Early-'60s singer Mr. Donner
61. 'Client' suffix (Patronage)
62. Scale amts.

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Get up to **$5,000** In price adjustments on select models[Ω]

Ultimate model shown ♦

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Get up to **$3,000** in price adjustments[Ω] excluding 2.4L FWD

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